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SUBJECT: UTILITY OF RFE DAILY BROADCAST ANALYSIS SUMMARIES:
BULGARIA

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1. RFE'S DAILY BROADCAST ANALYSIS (DBA) IS USEFUL TO
EMBASSY BOTH IN GENERAL SENSE OF KEEPING TRACK OF WHAT
RFE, CONSIDERED BY BULGARIANS TO BE PART OF AMERICAN
PRESENCE HERE, IS SENDING INTO BULGARIA AND, IN MORE FORMAL
SENSE, IN ASSISTING EMBASSY TO MEET MONITORING
AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS. IN ADDITION, DBA SUGGESTS
AREAS OF RFE RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE WHICH EMBASSY MAY WISH
TO TAP FROM TIME TO TIME. FINALLY, AS DEPT AND MUNICH
ARE AWARE, FROM TIME TO TIME GOB REACTS DIRECTLY TO
SOME PARTICULAR PIECE OF RFE BROADCASTING AND EMBASSY
MUST BE PREPARED TO RESPOND.

2. EMBASSY FINDS DBA USEFUL AS IS. PRESENT PARA-
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GRAPH SUMMARIES OF BULGARIAN TOPICS (SECTION A) PROVIDE
WHAT WE FIND TO BE RIGHT AMOUNT OF INFORMATION. SECTION
B ON EE AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IS ALSO USEFUL.
EMBASSY HAS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS INTEREST IN WHAT RFE
SAYS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TOPICS
(SECTION C). IF THERE IS SOME REQUIREMENT TO SHORTEN
DBA, SUGGEST SECTION C BE CUT.

3. EMBASSY DEFINITELY WISHES TO CONTINUE
RECEIVING DBA. WITHOUT IT, SOME OTHER, PROBABLY BULKIER
MEANS WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND TO KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED
OF RFE INPUT TO BULGARIA SINCE WE CLEARLY NEED TO KNOW.
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